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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM VISIT TO EAST BERLIN

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, MENTIONED PARA 3, REFTTEL, WILL ARRIVE WEST BERLIN 23 AUGUST FOR SEVERAL DAYS CONSULTATION WITH US MISSION BERLIN AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALLIED MISSIONS IN EAST BERLIN, BEFORE BEGINNING, ON AUGUST 27, APPROXIMATELY WEEK OF TALKS WITH GDR OFFICIALS.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM WILL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF EUR/EX, EUR/CE, OFFICE OF FOREIGN BUILDINGS, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY, AND USIA. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY CLARK OR WIGGINS (EUR/EX). LEDSKY WILL PARTICIPATE FROM EUR/CE. USIS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER TERRENCE CATHERMAN. OTHER TEAM MEMBERS NOT YET DESIGNATED AND, IN SOME ADDITIONAL CASES, ALSO MAY BE DRAWN FROM FIELD REPRESENTATIVES. ONE OR TWO US MISSION REPS AS APPROPRIATE ALSO WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS TALKS WITH ALLIED AND GDR OFFICIALS.

3. TASK OF ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM WILL BE PRINCIPALLY TO INSPECT AND EVALUATE BUILDINGS TO BE USED FOR US CHANCERY, RESIDENCE AND STAFF HOUSING, AND USIS AND TO GAIN AS COMPLETE A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES CONNECTED WITH ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING AN EMBASSY IN GDR, INCLUDING FULL UNDERSTANDING OF RELEVANT GDR LAWS, REGULATIONS, PRACTICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INSTITUTIONS. IT WILL BE ESPECIALLY ALERT TO MATTERS WHICH US SIDE MIGHT WISH RESOLVE WITH GDR OFFICIALS WHEN SUBSTANTIVE TALKS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, TEAM ITSELF WILL NOT UNDERTAKE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR OFFICIALS.

4. IN TALKS WITH GDR OFFICIALS, TEAM WILL PROCEED FROM PREMISE THAT FOUR POWER RIGHTS FOR BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE, AND RELATED FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS AND PRACTICES, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR, AND ESTABLISHMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FUNCTIONING OF US EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN WILL NOT SIGNIFY CHANGE IN STATUS OF CITY. TEAM, INTER ALIA, WILL AVOID ANY DISCUSSION WITH GDR OFFICIALS OF FOUR POWER RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AGREEMENTS AND PRACTICES, EXCEPT TO AFFIRM THEIR EXISTENCE AS REQUIRED AND WILL ASSUME AS A MATTER OF COURSE IN ITS DISCUSSION RIGHT OF FREE CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT BERLIN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. (A) FULL DETAILS ON COMPOSITION AND ARRIVAL TIME OF TEAM WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. IN MEANTIME, US MISSION REQUESTED RESERVE FIVE SINGLES WITH BATH AT HARNACK HOUSE OR AT APPROPRIATE HOTEL REASONABLY CONVENIENT TO MISSION FOR NIGHTS AUGUST 23-31. (B) FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AUGUST 23 WITH US MISSION OFFICIALS, TEAM WISHES MEET AUGUST 24 IN WEST BERLIN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH AND BRITISH MISSIONS IN GDR FOR DISCUSSION ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS THEIR EXPERIENCES IN ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING EMBASSIES IN EAST BERLIN. US MISSION ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE PROGRAM WOULD BE APPRECIATED. BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HERE ALREADY HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THEIR GDR EMBASSIES. FRENCH HAVE TRANSMITTED AFFIRMATIVE REPLY FROM PARIS. ROGERS

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